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### LISTING OF CLAIMS

1. (cancelled): A coupler for attachment to a driving tool for driving and pulling double-headed tent stakes, comprising:

an axially elongate body having a first end and a second, open end, said body having a pair of slots passing therethrough adjacent said open end, said slots being substantially orthogonal to said body elongate axis;

a pair of retractable keepers slidably received within said slots;

a pair of release levers pivotably attached to said elongate body, each one of said release levers having a distal end pivotably attached to a respective one of said retractable keepers; and,

a spring for urging said release levers into a closed position.

2. (cancelled): The coupler of claim 1 further including a threaded portion within said first end for attachment to a driving tool.

3. (cancelled): The coupler of claim 1 wherein said keepers include a notch for receiving the tent stake.

4. (currently amended): A coupler for attachment to a driving tool for driving and pulling double-headed tent stakes, comprising:

an axially elongate body having a first, closed end and a second, open end, said body having a pair of slots passing therethrough adjacent said open end, said slots being substantially orthogonal to said body elongate axis;

a pair of retractable, planar keepers slidably received within said slots;

a pair of release levers pivotably attached to said elongate body, each one of said release levers having a distal end pivotably attached to a respective one of said ~~retractable~~ planar keepers; and,

a pair of springs, each one of said springs being retained between said elongate body and a respective one of said release levers, said springs urging said release levers to a closed position.

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5. (original): The coupler of claim 4 further including a threaded portion within said first end for attachment to a driving tool.

6. (currently amended): The coupler of claim 4 wherein said planar keepers include a notch for receiving the tent stake.

7. (currently amended): A coupler for attachment to a driving tool for driving and pulling double-headed tent stakes, comprising:

an axially elongate body having a first, closed end and a second, open end, said body having a pair of slots passing therethrough adjacent said open end, said slots being substantially orthogonal to said body elongate axis;

a pair of retractable, planar keepers slidably received within said slots, each of said keepers further having a notch for receiving the tent stake;

a pair of release levers pivotably attached to said elongate body, each one of said release levers having a distal end pivotably attached to a respective one of said retractable planar keepers; and,

~~— a spring for urging said release levers into a closed position.~~

a pair of springs, each one of said springs being retained between said elongate body and a respective one of said release levers, said springs urging said release levers to a closed position.

8. (original): The coupler of claim 7 further including a threaded portion within said first end for attachment to a driving tool.

9. (cancelled): A double-headed tent stake driver and puller, comprising;

a slide hammer including a shaft having an elongate portion and a distal end;

a coupler on said distal end of said shaft, said coupler having an open-ended axially elongate body, said body further having a pair of slots passing therethrough adjacent said open end, said slots being substantially orthogonal to said body elongate axis;

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said coupler further including a pair of retractable keepers slidably received within said slots;

said coupler further including a pair of release levers pivotably attached to said elongate body, each one of said release levers having a distal end pivotably attached to a respective one of said retractable keepers; and,

said coupler further including a spring for urging said release levers to a closed position.

10. (cancelled): The double-headed tent stake driver and puller of claim 9 wherein said keepers further include a notch for receiving the tent stake.

11. (currently amended): A double-headed tent stake driver and puller, comprising;

a slide hammer including a shaft having an elongate portion and a distal end;

a coupler on said distal end of said shaft, said coupler having an axially elongate body including a first, closed end and a second, open end~~an open-ended axially elongate body~~, said body further having a pair of slots passing therethrough adjacent said open end, said slots being substantially orthogonal to said body elongate axis;

said coupler further including a pair of retractable, planar keepers slidably received within said slots;

said coupler further including a pair of release levers pivotably attached to said elongate body, each one of said release levers having a distal end pivotably attached to a respective one of said ~~retractable~~ planar keepers; and,

said coupler further including a pair of springs, each one of said springs being retained between said elongate body and a respective one of said release levers, said springs urging said release levers to a closed position.

12. (currently amended): The double-headed tent stake driver and puller of claim 11 wherein said planar keepers include a notch for receiving the tent stake.

13. (currently amended): A double-headed tent stake driver and puller, comprising;

a slide hammer including a shaft having an elongate portion and a distal end;

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a coupler on said distal end of said shaft, said coupler having an axially elongate body including a first, closed end and a second, open end~~an open-ended axially elongate body~~, said body further having a pair of slots passing therethrough adjacent said open end, said slots being substantially orthogonal to said body elongate axis;

said coupler further including a pair of retractable, planar keepers slidably received within said slots, each of said keepers further having a notch for receiving the tent stake;

said coupler further including a pair of release levers pivotably attached to said elongate body, each one of said release levers having a distal end pivotably attached to a respective one of said ~~retractable~~ planar keepers; and,

said coupler further including a pair of springs, each one of said springs being retained between said elongate body and a respective one of said release levers, said springs urging said release levers to a closed position.